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staff such as upper division clerks, lower division clerks and steno-typists. What has happened in the case of the Education Department? I can quote a few instances. There are districts where the number of secondary schools has doubled. In Salem, there are 60 high schools, but there is only one District Education Officer. Just imagine what amount of work he has to do by way of correspondence, inspection and so on. If he has to inspect a high school for two days in a year, it would take him 120 days. Where is the time for him to attend to other matters? These schools, I think, work for 180 days in a year. Can there be a proper inspection of all these schools by the District Educational Officer within the short time at his disposal? There is another district having 68 schools. I refer to the Coimbatore and the Nilgiris districts which are clubbed together in the statement I have; but there are two Officers there. So, let us leave them. Now, let us take Madras. There are 50 schools. Each school in Madras is equal to at least two or three schools in the mofussil as the schools in Madras are very big ones. We have got only one Educational Officer to do the work here. My friend Sri Srinivasavaradan will be able to say how inspection takes place here. There is another district which has got 66 schools, but there is only one District Educational Officer. In the district of South Arcot, there are 55 schools, but there is only one District Educational Officer. The Ranges have also increased. I think there are about 18 of them. Still, there is only one Officer. How do the Government expect these Officers to discharge their duties efficiently? I think most of our districts have to be bifurcated in view of the increase in the number of schools and students. We must have more Officers for each district. Thank you, Sir.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 2-30 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

V.—PAPERS [a] LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. *Notification issued with G.O. No.* 4015, *Revenue, dated the 3rd November* 1956, *regarding amendment to the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection Rules*, 1955. [*Vide section* 7 (2) *of the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection Act*, 1955.]

2. *Notification issued with G.O. No.* 4173, *Revenue, dated the 14th November* 1956, *regarding the exemption from sales tax of the sales effected by District Co-operative Supply and Marketing Societies leviable under the Madras General Sales Tax Act*, 1939.

3. *Notification issued with G.O. No.* 4209, *Revenue, dated the 17th November* 1956, *regarding exemption from sales tax of sales by Co-operative Wholesale Stores and by displaced persons from Ceylon.*

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